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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A system for targeting media content to at least one user, comprising:
 - a first media object comprising at least one of an audio-visual recording, a video recording, a sound recording, an Internet link, an advertisement, and an e-commerce asset;
 - a data reporter for collecting user activity information representing exercise of a generated by user interaction with said first media object by said at least one user;
 - a coding system for correlating user activity information gathered by said data reporter with at least said first media object; and
 - a mediator for providing to the said at least one user at least a second media object based upon the said user activity information correlated with at least said first media object.
2. (original) The targeting system of claim 1, wherein said coding system creates at least one smart media object, each of said smart media objects having a media object portion and a media object profile.
3. (original) The targeting system of claim 2, further comprising a content repository for storing said at least one smart media object until said mediator requests said at least one smart media object.
4. (original) The targeting system of claim 2, wherein each of said media object profiles contains information pertaining to a related one of said media object portions calculated from user activity information.
5. (original) The targeting system of claim 1, wherein said data reporter collects information relating only to content usage.
6. (original) The targeting system of claim 1, wherein said coding system correlates

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the information in real time.

7. (original) The targeting system of claim 1, wherein said coding system periodically updates the information correlated with said at least one media object.
8. Cancelled.
9. (currently amended) A system for targeting media to a user, comprising:
 - a user requested media object comprising at least one of an audio-visual recording, a video recording, a sound recording, an Internet link, an advertisement, and an e-commerce asset;
 - a data reporter for gathering content use information representing exercise of a generated by user interaction with said user requested media object by at least one user;
 - a media object archive for storing media objects;
 - a coding system for assigning user activity information from said data reporter to at least one of said stored media objectobjects to create a profile for each of said at least one of said stored media objects; and
 - a mediator for selecting at least one of said stored media objectobject having a media object profile matching at least one characteristic of said profile of said user requested media object.
10. (original) The targeting system of claim 9, wherein said coding system creates at least one smart media object, each of said smart media objects having a media object portion and a media object profile.
11. (original) The targeting system of claim 10, further comprising a content repository for storing said at least one smart media object until said mediator requests said at least one smart media object.
12. (original) The targeting system of claim 10, wherein each of said media object profiles contains information pertaining to a related one of said media objects calculated from the user activity information.
13. (original) The targeting system of claim 9, wherein said data reporter collects information relating only to content usage.

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14. (original) The targeting system of claim 9, wherein said coding system correlates the information in real time.
15. (original) The targeting system of claim 9, wherein said coding system periodically updates the information correlated with said at least one media object.
16. Cancelled.
17. (currently amended) A method for targeting at least one media object to a user, comprising the steps of:
 - identifying a user requested media object comprising at least one of an audio-visual recording, a video recording, a sound recording, an Internet link, an advertisement, and an e-commerce asset;
 - gathering user activity information representing exercise of a generated by user interaction with said user requested media object by at least one user;
 - assigning the said user activity information to at least one said user requested media object, each media object having a content portion and a header so that a media object profile is created for each media object;
 - matching at least one characteristic of the said media object profile of a said user requested media object with the said media object profile of at least one a second media object; and
 - delivering said user requested media object with said at least one said second media object having an object profile matching at least one characteristic of the said media object profile of the said user requested media object.
18. (original) The method of claim 17, wherein said information gathering step gathers only content usage information.
19. (original) The method of claim 17, wherein said assigning step is performed in real time.
20. (original) The method of claim 17, wherein said assigning step is performed periodically.
21. Cancelled.
22. (currently amended) A smart media object, comprising:

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a media object portion having information accessible to a user, said media object portion comprising at least one of an audio-visual recording, a video recording, a sound recording, an Internet link, an advertisement, and an e-commerce asset; and

a media object profile portion containing information gathered from a plurality of users representing exercise of said media object portion by said plurality of users.

23. (original) The smart media object of claim 22, wherein said media object profile portion contains only content usage information gathered from said plurality of users.
24. Cancelled.
25. (original) A method for utilizing a smart media object having attached thereto a coded header containing a profile of a media object, the method comprising:
 - detaching and decoding said coded header to obtain said profile, said profile containing user activity information ~~representing exercise of~~ generated by interaction with said media object by users; and
 - targeting other media based on said profile.
26. (original) The method of claim 25, wherein said targeting step includes the sub-step of comparing information contained in said profile with information contained in a profile of a user requested media object.
27. (currently amended) A method for targeting media objects to a user, comprising the steps of:
 - identifying at least one user requested media object comprising at least one of an audio-visual recording, a video recording, a sound recording, an Internet link, an advertisement, and an e-commerce asset;
 - collecting information from a plurality of users related to the viewing of at least one user requested media object;
 - correlating ~~the~~ said information collected with at least one a second media object obtained from a media object archive;
 - creating a media object profile for each ~~said~~ at least one user requested

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- media object based on the said correlated information;
combining said media object profile with said at least one user requested
media object to create a smart media object; and
selecting at least one smart media ~~objects~~object having a media object
profiles~~profile~~ matching at least one characteristic of said media object profile of
~~the said~~ user requested media object and delivering ~~the said~~ user requested
media object with said at least one selected smart media ~~object~~objects.
28. (original) The method of claim 27, wherein said collecting step includes collecting
only content use information.
29. (original) A method of targeting media objects to a user on-line, comprising the
steps of:
collecting information from users of Internet links;
correlating the collected information with at least one Internet link;
creating an Internet link profile based on the correlated information; and
selecting at least one Internet link based on the profile of a user requested
link and delivering to the user the requested link and at least one additional link
having a link profile matching at least one aspect of the profile of the requested
link.
30. (original) The method of claim 29, wherein at least one of said Internet links
leads to a web site.
31. (original) The method of claim 29, wherein at least one of said Internet links
leads to a non-commercial web page.
32. (currently amended) A hidden search engine, comprising:
a data reporter for collecting information from a plurality of users;
a coding system for correlating the collected information with at least one
Internet link and creating a profile for each one of said at least one link; and
a mediator for selecting at least ~~one~~ a second Internet link based on at
least one aspect of each link profile for delivery with a user requested link to the
user.
33. (original) The hidden search engine of claim 32, wherein said mediator delivers

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said at least one selected link with a link to a web site which does not have at least one of the selected links coded within said web site.

34. (original) The hidden search engine of claim 33, wherein said at least one selected link appears outside a frame containing the web page when viewed.
35. (original) The hidden search engine of claim 32, wherein at least one of said selected links resides outside of the coding of the requested web page, but is still viewable to the user.
36. (original) The hidden search engine of claim 32, wherein said data reporter collects only content usage information.
37. (original) The hidden search engine of claim 32, wherein said data reporter collects only link usage information.